



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY



Tropical Storm Nicole

DEMHS State Emergency Operations Center Situation Report (SitRep)	
Time and Date	October 1, 2010 at 0700
Critical Incident Summary:	<u>Governor Rell ordered the partial activation of the State EOC.</u> DEMHS continues to monitor weather updates. Region 1, 2, 4 and 5 Offices are staffed and monitoring their towns for any problems. Regional offices will transmit any requests to the SEOC. The Region 3 Office closed at 2359 and will re-open at 0800 hrs. Region 3 Towns needing assistance are instructed to call the State EOC at 860-566-3180.
State Emergency Operations Center Activation level:	Partial Activation
Agencies present at SEOC	Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS), Department of Transportation (DOT), Fire Prevention and Control (CFPC), Department of Public Safety (State Police), Connecticut Light & Power (CL&P), State Military, United Illuminating (UI)
DEMHS Briefing	State EOC is partially activated. DEMHS continues to monitor weather updates. Region 1, 2, 4 and 5 Offices are staffed and monitoring their towns for any problems. Regional offices will transmit any requests to the SEOC. The Region 3 Office closed at 2359 and will re-open at 800 hrs. Region 3 Towns needing assistance are instructed to call the State EOC at 860-566-3180.
Power Outages <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NU• UI	CL&P Outages – 6,700 (total number restored 29,000) UI Outages –1 (total number restored 1,552) Total – 6,701
National Weather Service (NWS) Summary	<u>High Wind Advisory</u> Hartford County Tolland County Windham County Fairfield County New Haven County New London County Middlesex County <u>Flood Watch</u> Hartford County Tolland County Windham County Fairfield County New Haven County New London County Middlesex County <u>Flash Flood Warning (until 0930)</u> Fairfield County New Haven County

	<u>Flood Warning</u> Litchfield County
CT Weather Summary	<p>At 5:15 AM radar showed a solid line of showers and thunderstorms in Eastern NY stretching down the East Coast to the Del-Mar-Va peninsula and off shore of Cape Hatteras. This band of moderate to heavy rain is slowly sliding to the east and is entering Western CT at this time. South winds are currently gusting to 40 MPH along the CT coast and are also gusting to near 35 MPH inland across higher elevations.</p> <p>The area of heavy rain along the East Coast is forecast to move across Connecticut during the next 6 – 8 hours bringing torrential downpours and winds gusting to 40 – 50 MPH at times. The heavy rain may cause urban flooding and the strong winds will cause some additional tree and powerline damage. The morning rush hour will be difficult in Western CT with strong winds and heavy rain west of I-91 causing delays and some accidents especially for high profile vehicles in exposed areas.</p> <p>Towns are advised to continue to closely monitor this storm as it moves through the state. Conditions are expected to improve from West to East starting at 10:00 AM in Western CT, Noontime in the Hartford area and by 2:00 PM in Eastern CT.</p>
DEMHS Regional Updates	<p>Region 1, 2, 4 and 5 offices are staffed and monitoring conditions from their towns. Region 3 Office is closed.</p> <p><u>Region 1</u> <i>EOCs Open</i> – Bridgeport, Fairfield, Westport, Greenwich, Trumbull</p> <p><u>Region 2</u> <i>EOCs Open</i> – Middlefield, Durham partially activated</p> <p><u>Region 3</u> <i>EOCs Open</i>- 0</p> <p><u>Region 4</u> <i>EOCs Open</i> –Groton Town partially activated.</p> <p><u>Region 5</u> <i>EOCs Open</i> – 0</p>
Agencies Situation Reports	<p><u>DOT</u> DOT had very little activity over night but as a precaution, they are bringing in tree crews early in District 3 (for the rush hour).</p> <p><u>211</u> 2-1-1 have briefed their call specialists on the storm and are prepared to handle any referrals.</p>

DPH

There have been no calls or requests for assistance. Overnight staff (as of 2300) and day staff for today have been canceled.

DEP

DEP standing by and monitoring rivers. DEP staffing at SEOC have been canceled (as of 2359).

CL&P

Approximately 6700, or less than 1%, of CL&P customers are presently without service. These customers are primarily located the higher elevation areas of the state of Connecticut. CL&P has 97 trouble spots. CL&P has restored the large outage in Hampton. CL&P has restored approximately 29,000 customers in the last 24 hours. Outages have increased from approximately 4000 at 5 am to 6700 at 6 am.

No CL & P crews have been released. The Company is ready for both high winds and flooding. The Company has opened and staffed its local district offices along the Connecticut shoreline. CL&P has put 75% of its available field employees in the Southern Division (primarily the Norwalk, Stamford, and Danbury areas) on-call for the night and has put 50% of its available field employees on-call throughout the remainder of the state.

These crews will be ready to go as needed. At 0500 Friday morning, CL&P will have 212 line crews along with 44 tree crews ready to go. The Company has meter service mechanics ready to remove electric meters, if necessary, to protect customers and the public in the event of basement flooding.

CL&P has not received any requests for mutual aid from surrounding States. They will participate in an internal conference call at 0700 to discuss strategy.

CFPC

No requests for aid from any fire departments. No storm related issues reported.

UI

The UI Storm Operations Center is fully staffed. 40 UI crews are on standby and available. 40 Contractor crews are on standby and available. 22 Line clearance crews are on standby and available. Lewis Tree has been contacted in the event that additional crews are needed. City of Bridgeport EOC is open and staffed with UI representative.

American Red Cross

The ARC has contacted disaster leadership personnel across the state and are ready to respond during and after the event if needed.

	<p><u>DPS</u> Calls for Service: 1,086 Accidents: 42 Accidents with Injuries: 5 (Minor) Fatalities: 0 DWI- 7 Motorist Assists: 43</p> <p>No major active incidents. Major Highway corridors clear at this time. Troup I: Route 68 I Prospect near the Public Works Department/tree down (being removed).</p>
Federal Partners	<p><u>US Coast Guard</u> The US Coast Guard advises that it does not intend to set Port Conditions and the ports of Sector Long Island Sound remain open to all vessel traffic and commercial activities. However, all mariners are advised to take prudent actions as the port may experience gale force winds as early as this afternoon.</p> <p>The COTP will make notifications as soon as waterway and bridge closures become apparent. All recreational boaters and mariners are urged to use caution as heavy weather approaches.</p>
School Closings	<p>The Driggs Elementary School in Waterbury will be closed today, Friday, October 1, 2010. No other delays or closings have been reported at this time</p>
Other Issues	<p>None at this time</p>